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SUBJECT: W/W MICHAEL BEACH

FOR: SCS AND ARA/CEN

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TO: MR. JOHN BEACH

2527 NORTH STOWELL

MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN 53211

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF YOUR TELEPHONE CALL TO THE EMBASSY THURSDAY NIGHT TO INQUIRE ABOUT YOUR SON MICHAEL AND WISH TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A REPORT OF THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE HIM.

WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE AND HELPFUL. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH MICHAEL'S EMPLOYER, THE PUBLISHER OF THE SAN JOSE NEWS, WHO IS MAKING STRONG EFFORTS IN PROMOTING AN EFFECTIVE OPERATION.

GROUND SEARCH BEGAN IMMEDIATELY AND FIVE CIVIL GUARD MEMBERS TRAINED IN JUNGLE-TYPE RESCUE OPERATIONS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A JUNGLE-TRAINED LIEUTENANT PROVIDED BY THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT ARE SEARCHING THE AREA. THE RED CROSS HAS A CONTINGENT OF EIGHT TO TWENTY SEARCHERS AIDING. IN ADDITION THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LOCAL RESIDENTS ASSISTING IN THE SEARCH.

THE EMBASSY AND AIR FORCE AUTHORITIES IN THE CANAL ZONE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY AND UTILITY OF USING AN AIR FORCE HELICOP-

TER.

A HELICOPTER OF THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT FLEW OVER THE
AREA YESTERDAY BUT DUE TO BAD WEATHER WAS UNABLE TO ENTER
A CANYON WHERE THEY BELIEVE MICHAEL MAY BE. THE WEATHER HAS
IMPROVED AND THE HELICOPTER IS MAKING AN ATTEMPT TO ENTER
THE CANYON TODAY.

I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

LYLE F. LANE
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES
AMERICAN EMBASSY
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
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